

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GREGORY A. SNIDER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL V. ESPOSITO,

Defendant.

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Case No. 07-CV-0733-MJR

MEMORANDUM and ORDER

REAGAN, District Judge:

Defendant Michael V. Esposito filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 in the District of New Jersey on February 18, 2009. The filing of the petition resulted in an automatic stay of this case. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 362 (filing of bankruptcy petition stays “the commencement or continuation ... of a judicial, administrative or other action or proceeding against the debtor,” and “any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the debtor.”). Therefore, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362, all proceedings herein were stayed as of February 18, 2009.

On September 11, 2009, Esposito filed Discharge of Debtor with this Court, showing that the bankruptcy court had granted him a discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727 (the Bankruptcy Code) on July 10, 2009. Accordingly, this Court **LIFTS THE STAY** entered in this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2009.

s/Michael J. Reagan
MICHAEL J. REAGAN
United States District Judge